

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-15 are rejected. Claims 1, 5, 8-11 and 13 are herein amended.

Applicants' Response to Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Murata et al.

It is the position of the Office Action that **Murata** discloses the invention as claimed. Specifically, the Office Action states that **Murata** discloses a rough surface portion comprising (a) an olefin thermoplastic elastomer, (b) solid particles such as glass beads, and (c) liquid lubricant such as silicone oil.

Applicants herein amend claim 1 in order to incorporate the subject matter of claim 14, including the subject matter of intervening claims 7 and 12. Specifically, amended claim 1 now recites that “the rough surface portion is further provided on at least one of the surfaces inside the groove in the side wall portion.” As illustrated for example in Figure 2, rough surface portions 254 and 255 are disposed on side wall portion 22 and 23.

On the other hand, **Murata** only discloses contacting portions 4 disposed on draining portions 3 and portion 16. The glass run channel 1 does not include a contacting portion disposed on the side walls. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that amended claim 1 distinguishes over **Murata**. Furthermore, it is noted that since the subject matter added to claim

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1 was previously presented in claims 7, 12 and 14, it does not raise new issues requiring further search or consideration. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

For at least the foregoing reasons, the claimed invention distinguishes over the cited art and defines patentable subject matter. Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action by applicants would be desirable to place the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone applicants' undersigned agent.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,
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